

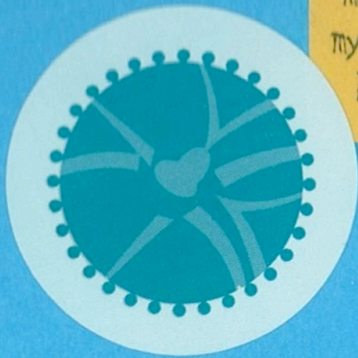
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July 27, 2008

This is the hotel where I stayed
the night before my track day
at Loudon. I think it's cool how
our bikes were all lined up
outside in this picture!



enjoy



Notice the rain in this picture! It started to thunder and lightning while I was on the Interstate driving to Loudon. I got lost and drove up and down the Interstate in the rain! Luckily, I had my new Joe Rocket pants on which kept me dry and I finally found my way. I did good driving in the rain practicing my smooth riding. Then I dried my clothes on the heater in my room before the Meet and Greet dinner. It was a long drive, but worth the trip in the end!

l o u d o n





WONDERFUL

During the Meet and Greet, we all went out to look at what bikes others had brought. Many others rode their bikes down as I did. I got to meet other people who enjoy motorcycles and chat about how much we love the sport. There were many different types of bikes people were riding. It was great to be around people who understand the passion for motorcycles as I do for a change!





Judy Mirro is the head of the Women's Riding School and organized the event. Here she is giving her welcome speech to all who attended the Meet and Greet. We had a barbeque dinner, got our pit assignments, were given goodie bags and door prizes. They gave away three jackets and a helmet! I made sure to tell the Joe Rocket rep that I liked the new pants I had bought. The hotel front desk woman was not too happy that we were all in her lobby. We were loud!



memories

Jay helps Judy run the Women's Riding School behind the scenes. Here Jay is at his computer giving out door prizes. It was fun to see if your name would be drawn. I won a shirt! They had enough prizes so everyone got to win something which was nice. I love door prizes!



This is my new friend Nancy McDowell. We figured out we were both from Vermont at WRS. She lives in Woodstock so we have gone riding a few times. It's good to make new motorcycle friends!



girls
just want
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fun



Smiles

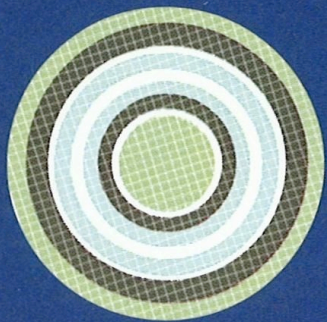
I had a hard time packing for this overnight part of the trip staying at the Red Roof Inn. My bike doesn't have any saddle bags and carrying a pack is so heavy that I only brought my small one. I ended up wearing my jeans, packing light and strapping the liner to my pants onto my backpack. I thought I wouldn't be able to fit in my door prizes, but I managed and got everything back home.
Chock one up for creative packing!



Happy Camper



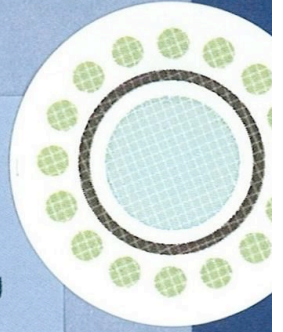
After dinner, we went to collect our goodie bags in one of the rooms. The goodie bag was cool! It had advertisements from vendors, a WRS t-shirt, a pen, a cool pin, a key chain and a she-moto brand hat. I loved all the stuff I got because it had to do with motorcycles for which I really have a passion. Here I am waiting in line trying to be patient before I get my free stuff.



Here I am pointing out to Judy which bag has my name on it. After the Meet and Greet, I went back to my room which was boiling hot because I'd had the heater on high trying to dry my clothes from the ride down. I had to open the window to cool it off. I went to bed early because we had to be at the track by 7:30 am the next day!



July 28, 2008 New Hampshire Motor Speedway
This entrance was cool to go through on the bike. It was fun to be at a real race track knowing I was going to run my bike on the track. Before we could go in, we had to sign a waiver saying if we got hurt that they were not liable. Then we went right to the garage that was our pit assignment which we'd gotten the night before.



We stood in line to register and get the numbers which would be stuck on our motorcycles. I ended up with Number 29. We were then required to tape up all the lights, mirrors and directional lights on our bikes so that if we crashed there was no debris on the track. Here I am sticking the number over the headlight. It seemed like a real "racing" thing to do to stick on a number!



Find *what*
brings you *joy*
and go there.



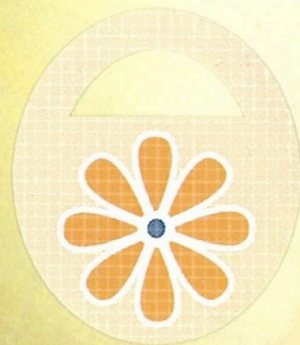
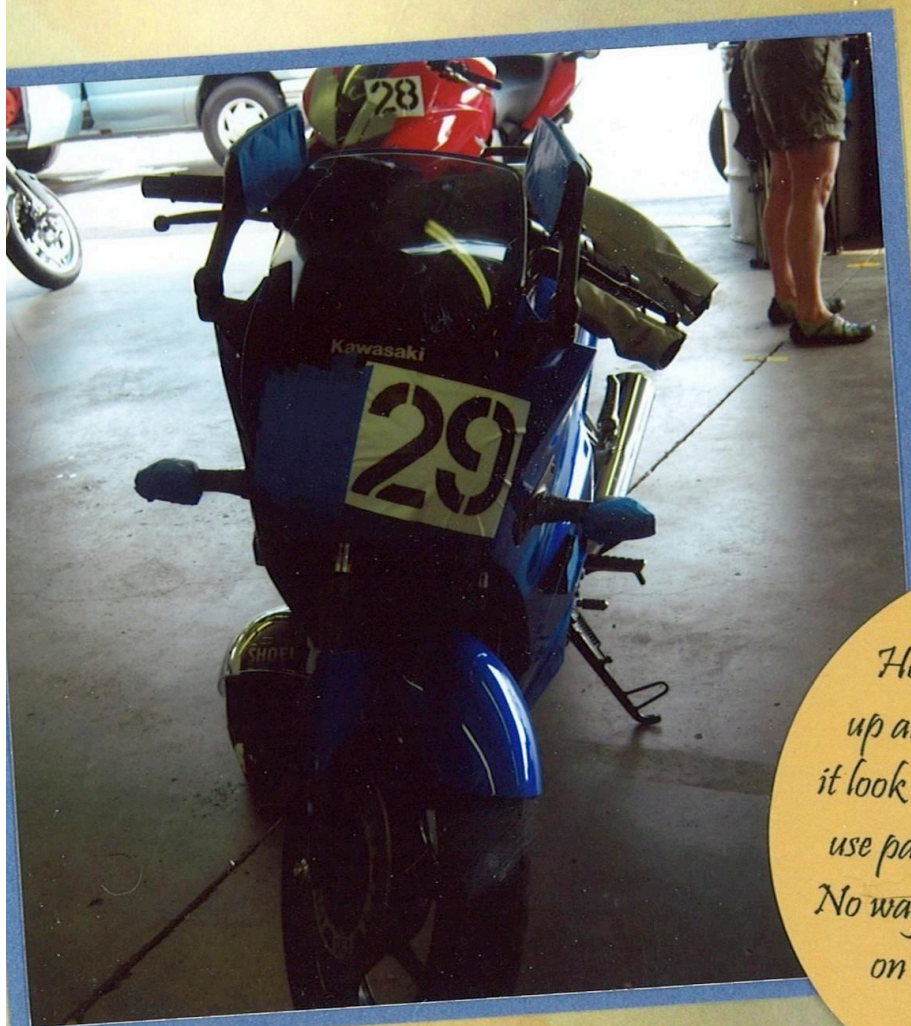
TRACK



This is Renee taping her bike with instructors Dominic and Steve in the background. Renee had a Triumph which was a unique bike among those there. She seemed very nice and was also from Vermont.

DAY





Here is my bike all taped
up and ready to go! Doesn't
it look cool? They said we could
use painter's tape or duct tape.
No way I was putting duct tape
on my bike - too sticky!





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live

This is the bay in the line of garages that was ours. The wooden structures in the middle is where we stored our supplies and water while we were out riding. We got to ride for 20 minutes every hour. The novice group, intermediate group and the experienced group all went out at different times.



When we were not on the track, we were in the classroom taking instruction. You had to make sure you left room for faster riders to pass. Here Judy Ken instruct us on the proper path to follow. A lot of being at a track day learning how the track was set up - where was safe to drive, learning the and learning how to follow the proper apex of the turns.



Inspire everyone around you!



These pictures were taken by the professional photographer. They cost a fortune, but I like them a lot. I didn't have anyone come with me to take photos of me going around the track, so I was happy that they had this service. I'm not sure how fast I was going in this spot, but it looks fast anyway!



Race



GO



While going around the track, I was concentrating on my technique and on keeping up with my instructor. My poor little 250 was matted at a few points! It was important to watch where you were on the track so you weren't in the way of faster riders. I love learning ways to improve my riding!

This is the view of the vendor booths. I didn't buy anything although I would have loved a set of Vanson leathers!



Notice the grandstands and Speedway sign in the background. Rain threatened, but never came to dampen the fun.

These were the girls in my group.
From left, it's Betsy, Nancy and me.



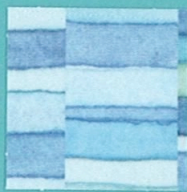
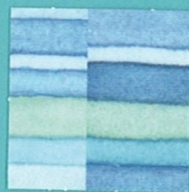
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Those for whom it was their first track day
and those with similar bikes were paired up.
They were both very nice!

BIKES



admire



pleasure



This is another view of the garages where our bikes were parked when we weren't on the track. It's always been interesting to me how you can get so many bikes together and still never see any that look alike!



JUDY MIRRO IS THE HEAD OF THE WOMEN'S RIDING SCHOOL. SHE ALSO TRAINED ME INITIALLY THROUGH THE VERMONT RIDER EDUCATION PROGRAM WHEN I FIRST GOT MY LICENSE IN 2002. I HAD NEVER DRIVEN A MOTORCYCLE BEFORE THAT CLASS. IT TOOK ME A WHILE TO LEARN THE CLUTCH, BUT SHE WAS VERY MOTIVATING AND HELPED ME PASS. ALTHOUGH I'VE HAD LIMITED INTERACTION WITH JUDY, I'VE COME TO ADMIRE HER IMPRESSIVE SKILL WITH MOTORCYCLES, HER WAY WITH PEOPLE AND HER "NO QUIT" ATTITUDE!

Live
your
Poem